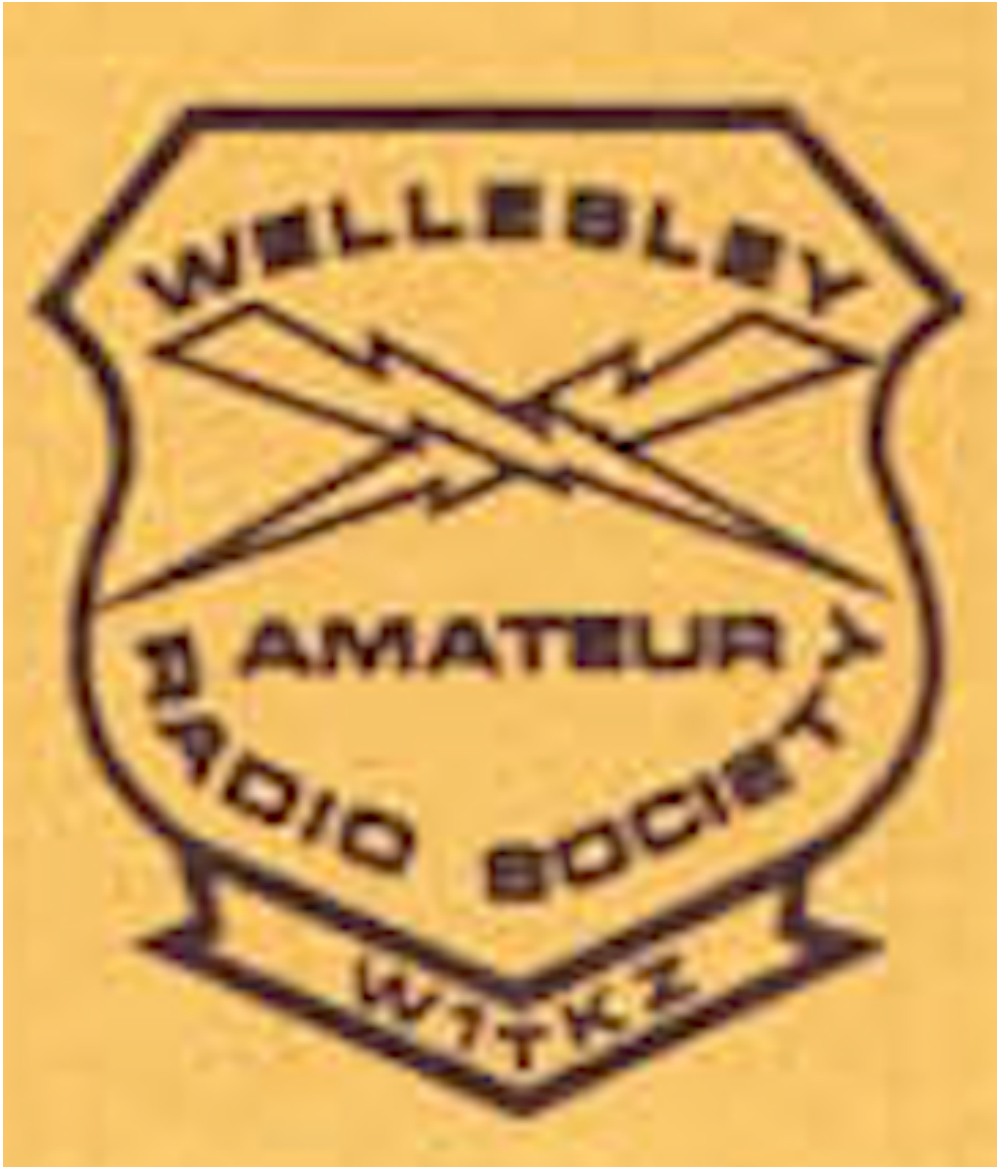




THE WELLESLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

THROUGH THE 1980'S

Dave Curry, WA1TAK
(now K1TK)



Scott Nacey, WA1YOJ
(now W1MVY)

Chad Johnson, N1ABZ



Jim Idelson, WA1QJU
(Now K1IR)



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Jim Hatherly, WA1TBY (SK)

Chris Wiles, WA1RGA
(Now W1RGA)

WARS ca 1974

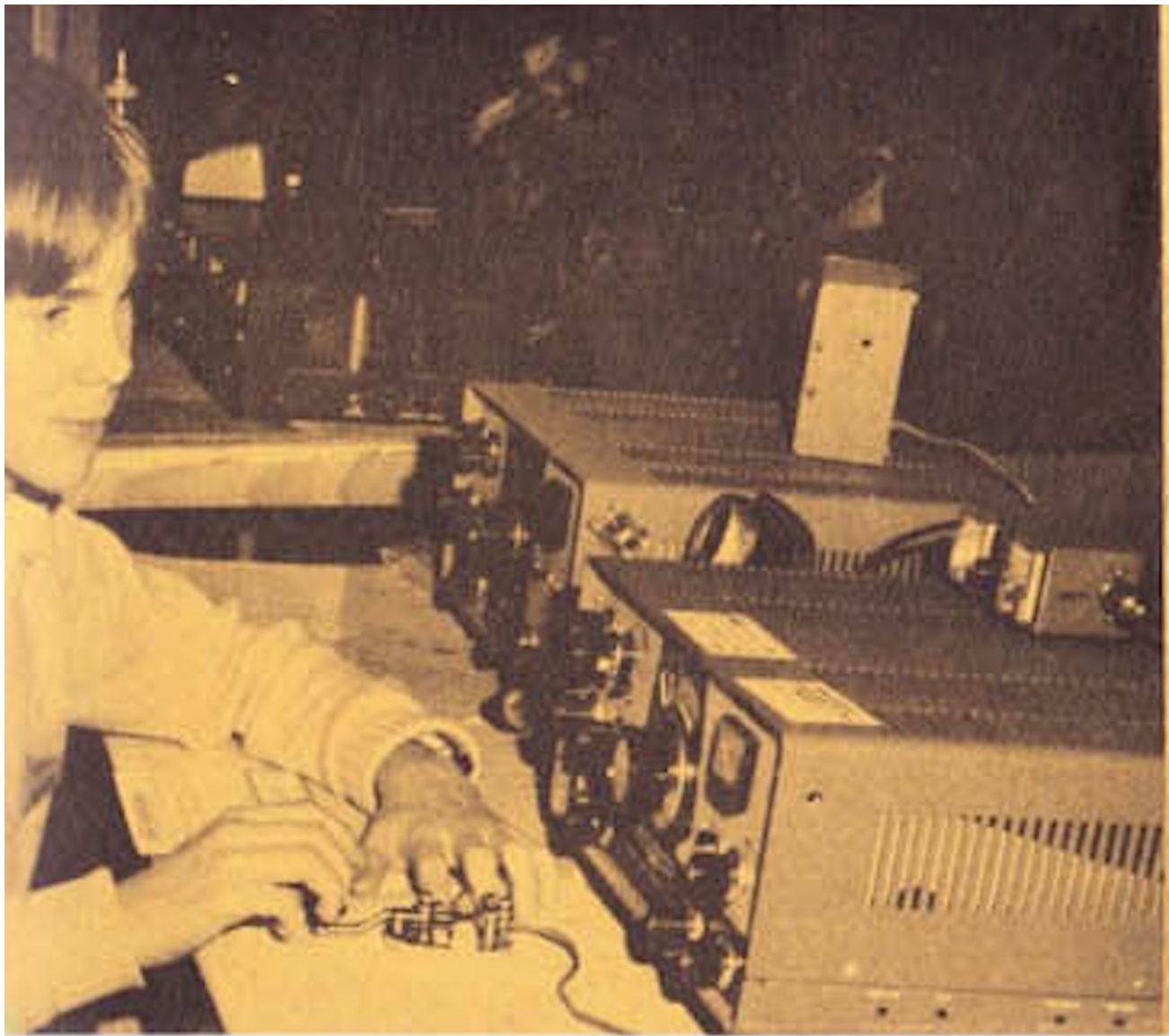
Bill Downing, WA1PQY

In Bill's typically HUGE
car with his HUGE
Radios!



Gordon Kingsley, WA1TAM

With his HW-100!



Gene Balinski, WA1UXA
(now K1NR)

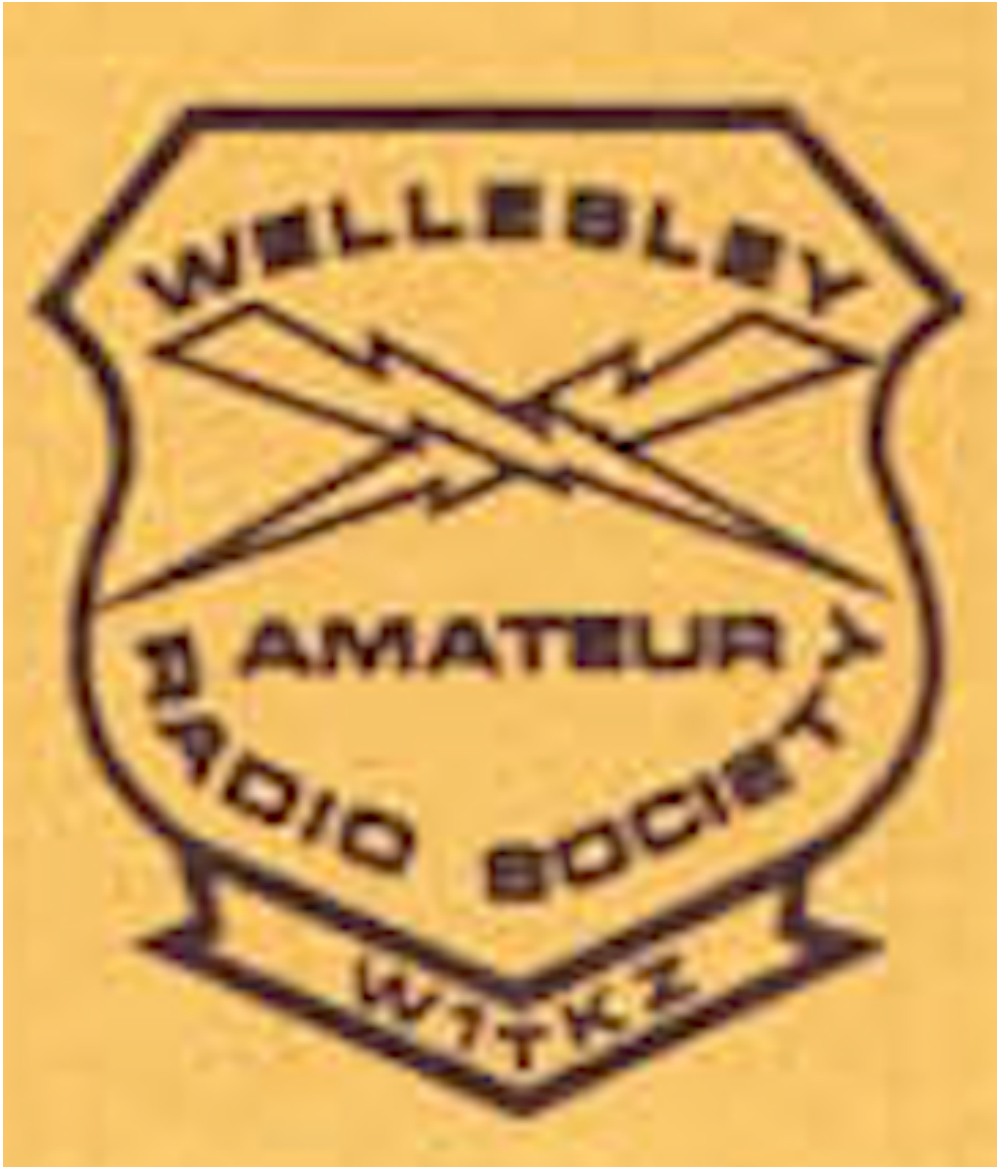
Demoing a vary bulky HT!





Don Chesley, WA1HVS (another former WARS President), Joe McGrath, WA1JIR, Dave Curry's, WA1TAK "baby"

The generator that has been to Martha's Vineyard, Mt Equinox and many other W1TKZ events!



1980's Contests and Events

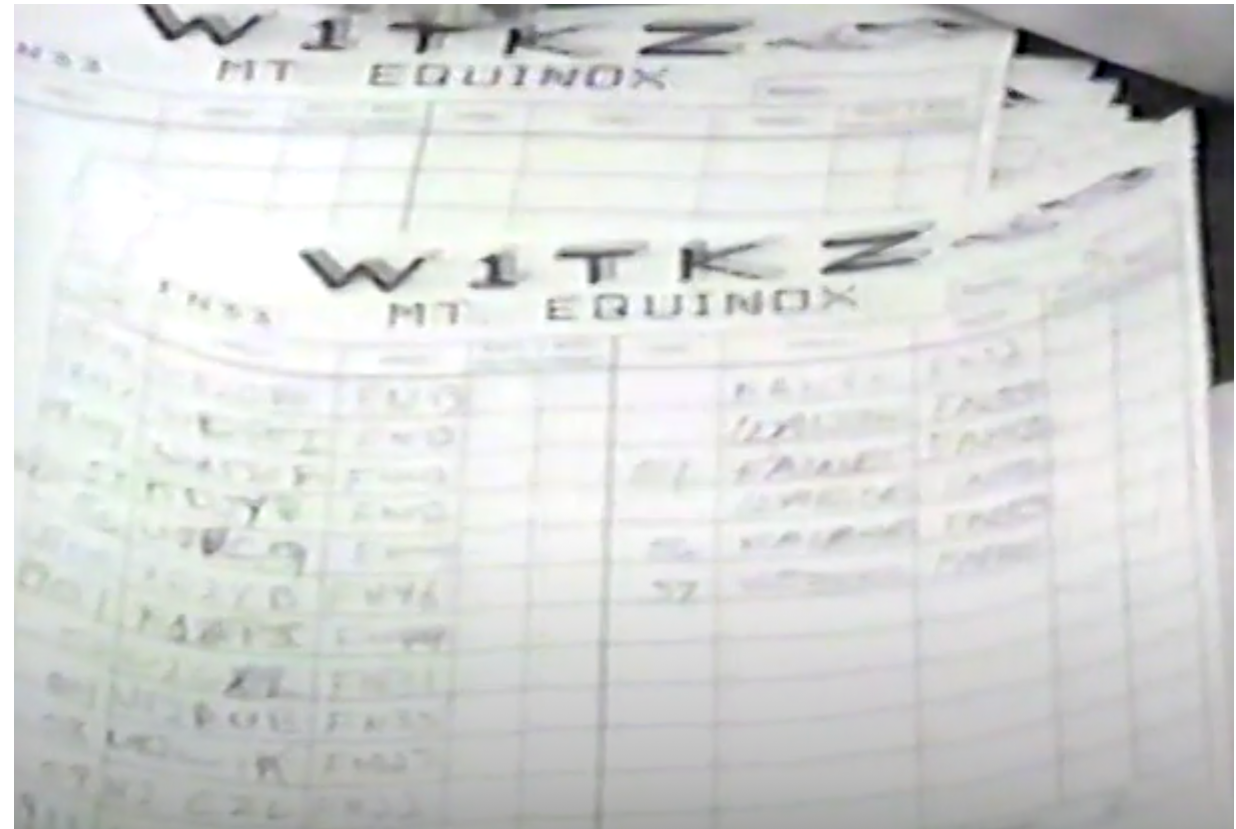
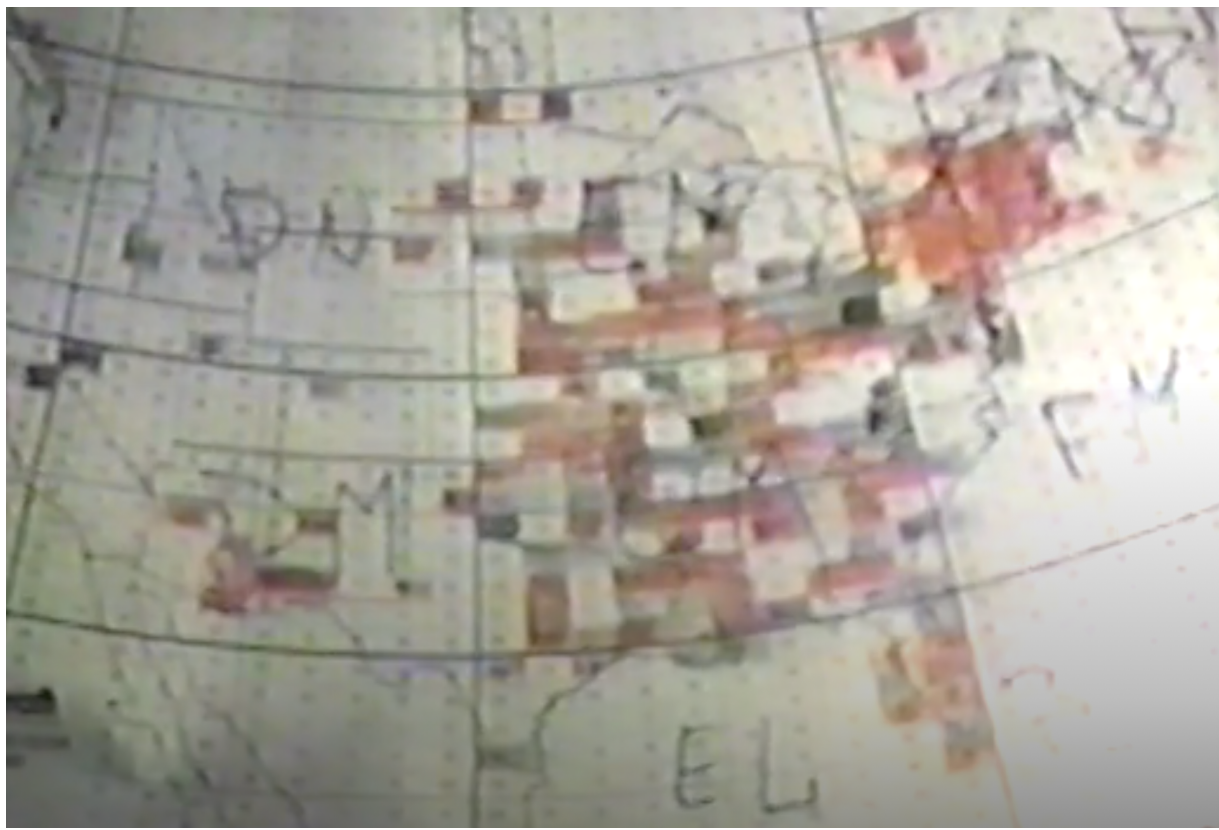
Natick Mall Message Fair

September VHF Contest

BAA Boston Marathon



The Natick Mall holiday Message Fair



September ARRL VHF Content

Mt Equinox, VT 1981 – WARS Maximum Effort!



W1TKZ @ The September VHF Contest & SCCA Hill Climb, Mt Equinox, VT



"Handmade 2M "Quagi" – "Arnies Stuff" – the antenna farm -- our TS-700!





CJ “Mac” MacDonald, WB1BUM (SK) – Race timer extraordinaire!



Dick Paret, WA1ZLQ – No, not dead, just sleeping... really!



Eric Thoreson, K1OGF & Car (hard to tell)



Tom Kinahan, N1CPE



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Mort Cohan, KA1IU



WARS runs the BAA Boston Marathon Communications

Pix from April 21, 1986

The 1986 Boston Marathon was the 90th running of the annual marathon race in Boston, United States, which was held on April 21. The elite men's race was won by Australia's Robert de Castella in a time of 2:07:51 hours and the women's race was won by Norway's Ingrid Kristiansen in 2:24:55

WARS also run BAA comms from 1978 – 198?



Boston Marathon

The 85th running of the B.A.A. Boston Marathon was started at exactly noon, April 20, 1981, when David Curry, K1TK, counted down the time from the communications control station on the 7th floor of the Prudential 26 miles, 35 yards from the starting line in Hopkinton. When his count reached zero, some 6800 runners began the long trip to downtown Boston through Hopkinton, Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, and Boston, and began the fourth year of coverage of the race by the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society.

To be fully accurate, this effort began months earlier with Dick Paret, WA1ZLQ, as our representative at the many B.A.A. planning meetings where the details of our activity was worked out. Dick was fully responsible for the 1981 communications plan and deserves a great deal of credit for a plan that worked almost flawlessly.

This year we were given even greater importance in the eyes of the officials as they attempted to avoid at all costs last year's problem with the women's winner. As a result, each checkpoint operator was required to transmit a list of the top 100 runners and top 25 women runners back to the control station to be passed along to the officials and others around the finish line. Because there were ten unevenly spaced checkpoints along the

course, this required the use of four nets to keep the system from getting backed up and to provide timely information as the runners passed each checkpoint. The primary information nets used W1TKZ/R, 147.63/03, and W1HSS/R, 147.75/15, for immediate information and WA1VDW/R, 146.04/64, for the longer lists of runners. The cooperation of the owners and users of these repeaters is greatly appreciated. The fourth net was on 146.52 direct for the final downtown checkpoint and for local coverage around the finish line.

This year we were also given the responsibility of actually taking the times of the lead runner at the checkpoints. This break from tradition may be a first in major road races and is certainly an indication of the confidence of the B.A.A. in our ability to get the job done. A stopwatch identical to that used by the official timers was used at the control center. At each checkpoint, the operator was required to give a warning of the lead runner's approach and finally call out "Mark" as the runner passed by. All indications show the officials were satisfied with our performance which saved them the trouble of actually stopping at each checkpoint, which had become increasingly difficult with the growth of the crowds along the course.

It's not possible to name the approximately 50 Amateurs involved in the race, but all are to be commended for a job well done. The success of this operation is a credit to the name of Amateur Radio and will hopefully continue to be just as successful in future years. □

The speaker at our May 21 meeting will be Dave Underhill, an engineer from WCVB, channel 5. He will speak on various aspects of television broadcasting including the use of remote pickups and signal acquisition. This should be a most interesting talk and a good chance to see how the pros do it. See you May 21 at 7:30 pm. □

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

May 7, 1981 at 7:30 pm
May 21, 1981 at 7:30 pm

Intermediate Bldg., Wellesley Hills, Mass.



Tom Kinahan, N1CPE





Kevin Kelly, WA1YHV











As well as earlier Boston Marathons